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The House met at 9 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. CUELLAR).

### DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,

March 3, 2021.

I hereby appoint the Honorable HENRY CUELLAR to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

NANCY PELOSI,  
*Speaker of the House of Representatives.*

### PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Margaret Grun Kibben, offered the following prayer:

Almighty God, You breathed life into us at creation, making humanity a little lower than the angels, crowning us with glory and honor, putting everything under our feet. What a gift.

Keep us ever mindful of the responsibility that comes with that endowment: that You desire that each and all would flourish, that everyone would be able to live into the privilege of becoming the people You designed us to be.

As You did in the beginning, send Your spirit and bring order over the chaotic waters of disputes and debate that surround us.

Shed Your light on the darkness of alienation and division and divide the tempestuous argument from the unique, meaningful, and constructive dialogue.

Remind us that You have created us in Your image, and this is what we should see reflected in the lives of the other. Whether we like them or not, whether we vote as they do or remain adamantly opposed, they, too, are Your beloved children.

And as we labor in this place, we pray that You look over our stewardship of Your gifts and call it good.

In the strength of Your divine name we pray.  
Amen.

### THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 5(a)(1)(A) of House Resolution 8, the Journal of the last day's proceedings is approved.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from Florida (Mr. GIMENEZ) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. GIMENEZ led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

### ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will entertain up to 15 requests for 1-minute speeches on each side of the aisle.

### SHORING UP DEMOCRACY

(Ms. BROWNLEY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. BROWNLEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H.R. 1, the For the People Act.

The limits of our democracy have been tested like never before, especially in the last election, where we saw baseless lawsuits, misinformation, attempts to suppress legal votes, a refusal by a sitting President to transfer power peacefully that resulted in an attempted insurrection aimed solely to block the will of the people.

While our system ultimately worked—thanks to patriotic State and

local officials and volunteers across the country—its limitations were laid bare, for us to fix.

H.R. 1 would shore up our democracy and the people's faith in its power.

I am pleased this bill incorporates two of my bills. The first requires all States to offer same-day registration. The second ends partisan gerrymandering by requiring States to adopt citizen redistricting commissions.

I urge my colleagues to join me in voting "yes" for this transformational bill that fights special interests, takes money out of politics, and puts power back in the hands of the American people.

### REMEMBERING ELEANOR "SANDY" TORREY WEST

(Mr. CARTER of Georgia asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with a heavy heart to remember and honor Mrs. Eleanor "Sandy" Torrey West, who passed away on January 17 at the age of 108.

Mrs. West was known as a woman who embodied the spirit of Ossabaw Island, which is the third largest of Georgia's barrier islands, just south of Savannah.

She established the Ossabaw Island Project in the 1960s and the Genesis Project in the 1970s as ways to allow students, artists, writers, scientists, ecologists, philosophers, and other intellectuals and creative thinkers to reconnect with the natural world and with each other.

In the late 1970s, Mrs. West spearheaded her family's effort to ensure that Ossabaw Island would remain preserved and protected.

She was the champion of Ossabaw, and her enthusiastic, joyful spirit shined in everything she did.

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